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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL CALLED IN ICELANDIC
AMBASSADOR KROYER AND INFORMED HIM THAT WE WERE CONCERNED
BY FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON' S STATEMENTS TO AMBASSADOR
IRVING THAT HE IS CONSIDERING INVOKING ARTICLE VII OF THE
US- ICELANDIC DEFENSE AGREEMENT.

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2. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COULD SET IN MOTION THE REVIEW PROCESS WHICH COULD LEAD TO AN ULTIMATE REVOCATION OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT. WE WOULD VERY MUCH REGRET ANY ACTION OF THIS NATURE AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE DELICATE AND COMPLEX MBFR TALKS IN VIENNA WHEN ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY IS SO IMPORTANT. IT WOULD CONVEY A VERY BAD SIGNAL TO THE OTHER SIDE. WE ARE ADVISING OUR MISSION TO NATO.

3. WE HAVE RECENTLY GIVEN FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON THE RATIONALE PAPER HE HAD REQUESTED WHEN HE WAS HERE IN WASHINGTON AS PART OF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT'S STUDY OF THE ENTIRE DEFENSE ISSUE. WE ARE ALSO MAKING PREPARATIONS TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS CLOSE TO THE HEARTS OF THE ICELANDERS

SUCH AS ICELANDIZATION, AIRPORT ACCESS, ON BASE HOUSING, AND BASE TV.

4. AMBASSADOR KROYER SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS OF COURSE FAMILIAR WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE HE HAD NO DETAILED INFORMATION THAT AGUSTSSON WAS CONTEMPLATING INVOKING ARTICLE VII. IN FACT HE RECALLED THAT AGUSTSSON HAD SAID WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON THAT GOI SOUGHT TO AVOID ANY FORMAL ACTION OF THIS NATURE. HE PROMISED TO REPORT THE CONVERSATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT. ROGERS

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